

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 20, 21, 29 and 55 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. The specification has been amended as shown on pages 2-3 of the Reply.

Applicant's representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement in the Office Action dated December 18, 2007, that claims 1-16, 20, 21, 29, and 55 are allowable. In the same Office Action, the Examiner requests corrections to various informalities within the specification. The specification has been amended herein to address the Examiner's concerns.

Applicant's representative also thanks Examiner Smits for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on January 11, 2008, during which the Examiner indicated that the amendments herein appear to address all remaining issues, barring a correction to the serial number for the co-pending related application. The serial number has been duly corrected herein.

In view of these amendments and the Examiner's remarks in the most recent Office Action, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP215US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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